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SUBJECT: UNGA: VINCI GROUP MEETING

1. SUMMARY: VINCI GROUP MET APRIL 29 A.M. TO DISCUSS SPECIAL UN GA STATE OF PLAY AND WEO TACTICS. ITS WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON DECLARATION AND SPECIAL MEASURES HAD PROGRESSED OVER THE WEEKEND AND THAT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO APPROACH G-77 TO INDICATE WEO PREPAREDNESS TO EXTEND SESSION FOR TWO DAYS BEYOND SCHEDULED ADJOURNMENT. VINCI GROUP CHAIRMAN PERMREP RAE AND AUSTRALIAN PERM REP MCINTYRE WILL APPROACH G-77 PRESIDENT HOVEYDA TODAY. FRENCH PERM REP GUIRINGAUD INTDODUCED HIS GOVERNMENTS TWO PROPOSALS AND REQUESTED WEO SUPPORT FOR THEM. END SUMMARY.

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2. CHAIRMAN RAE OPENED VINCI GROUP MEETING WITH CANADIAN IMPRESSIONS OF STATE OF PLAY. HE SAID THAT DECLARATION

LANGUAGE HAD BEEN IMPROVED SOMEWHAT OVER THE WEEKEND BUT THAT SIGNIFICANT STICKING POINTS, SUCH AS PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIONALIZATION, REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED. HE SAID THAT PROGRAM OF ACTION STILL REMAINED PROBLEMATIC. NATIONAL INITIATIVES HAD NOT YET BEEN FOCUSED ON. HE, THEREFORE, CONCLUDED THAT SOME ADJUSTMENT IN THE SESSIONS TIMETABLE MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO WRAP UP THE SESSION SATISFACTORILY. THE FRG AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THE DECLARATION STILL CONTAINED UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE ON PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY, CARTELS, AND INDEXATION. THE PROGRAM OF ACTION STILL CONTAINED DETAILED DIFFICULTIES, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCEPT. SPEAKING FOR THE EC-9, THE FRG PERMREP REITERATED CONCERN FOR THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES, THE EC-9 WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EXCEPTIONAL INTERNATIONAL AID ACTION FOR THEIR BENEFIT, AND THE COMMUNITIES' WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO AN AGREED UPON FUND OR OTHER MODALITY TO ASSIST THE MSA'S.

3. A NUMBER OF OTHER AMBASSADORS, INCLUDING THOSE OF ITALY, CANADA, SWEDEN, AND NEW ZEALAND, SUMMED UP THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF CURRENT STATUS AND POSSIBILITIES OF SESSION. AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE expressed concern that the momentum established in the course of the session on the issues at hand not be lost in its closing days. NOTHING THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME PROGRESS ON THE DOCUMENTS OVER THE WEEKEND, HE SAID THAT THE U.S. WAS STILL UNABLE TO ACCEPT DECLARATION LANGUAGE ON PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY, CARTELS, AND TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND INDEXATION OF PRICES. LACK OF MOVEMENT ON THESE ISSUES WOULD PRECLUDE CONSENSUS ON THE DECLARATION. AS REGARDS THE PROGRAM OF ACTION, AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE SAID THAT THERE WAS LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF ITS ADOPTION AND SUGGESTED THAT ANY PROGRAM OF ACTION WHICH MIGHT EMERGE FROM THE SESSION SHOULD FOCUS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON EMERGENCY MEASURES RATHER THAN ON A STATEMENT OF BROAD AIMS, AS THE PRESENT DOCUMENT DOES. EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT NATIONAL INITIATIVES MIGHT GET LOST IN THE SHUFFLE, HE SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE SESSION TO THE END OF THE WEEK.

4. THE UK PERMREP RICHARD, WHILE AGREEING THAT AN EXTENSION
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OF THE SESSION WOULD PROBABLY BE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WEO GROUP, SUGGESTED THAT THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION OF THE VINCI MEETING BE ON STRATEGY. HE SPECIFICALLY PROPOSED THAT IT BE MADE KNOWN NOW THAT THE WEO GROUP WISHED TO HAVE THE DECLARATION, THE PROGRAM OF ACTION, AND ANY CONCLUSION OF SPECIAL MEASURES FOR THE MSA'S VOTED UPON SEPARATELY IN PLENARY. HIS VIEW ON EACH OF THESE SEPARATE DOCUMENTS COINCIDED WITH THOSE OF THE USG. THE AUSTRALIAN REP, INDIRECTLY RESPONDING TO THE UK INTERVENTION, SAID THAT IT WAS HIS HOPE THAT ANY DOCUMENTATION WOULD BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS RATHER THAN TAKEN TO A VOTE.

5. IT WAS NOTED BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS THAT THE RADICAL NON-ALIGNED, SUCH AS ALGERIA AND IRAQ, WISHED THE DOCUMENTS I.E. DECLARATION, PLAN OF ACTION, AND SMA EMERGENCY MEASURES BE TREATED AS A "PACKAGE." A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME GIVE WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP AND WITHIN THE LARGER G-77 ON THIS POINT. THIS "GIVE" HAD BEEN BEST EXPRESSED BY INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO BURSSELS, K B LALL OVER THE WEEKEND. LALL REPORTEDLY IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED THAT THE SPECIAL MEASURES FOR SMA'S NOT BE TIED TO THE PROGRAM OF ACTION WHICH IS DIFFICULT FOR SO MANY DELEGATIONS. LALL ALSO EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO REFER DIFFICULT POINTS ACTION PROGRAM TO FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE.

6. OUTCOME OF EXCHANGE WAS THAT TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF ATTEMPTING TO EXACERBATE G-77 DIFFERENCES ON THE "PACKAGE" QUESTION, WO GROUP WOULD THROUGH AMBASSADORS RAE AND MCINTYRE APPROACH AMBASSADOR HOVEYDA TO INDICATE --

A) WEO PREPAREDNESS TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS BEYOND THE APRIL 30 ADJOURNMENT DATE.

B) HOPE THAT THE SESSION WOULD FOCUS ON THE PRACTIABLE AND

C) WEO DISPOSITION TO CONTINUE THE SESSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO DAYS.

7. NO FURTHER ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL HOVEYDA HAD RESPONDED TO THIS OBLIQUELY EXPRESSED WEO INTEREST IN EXTENDING THE SESSION.

8. AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE'S POINT REGARDING NATIONAL INITIATIVES AND PROPOSALS WAS THEN TAKEN UP. VARIOUS DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT THOSE PROPOSALS WOULD BE TAKEN UP AT A MEETING THIS AFTERNOON OF AD HOC COMMITTEE. THE FRENCH PERMREP SAID SPECIFICALLY THAT HOVEYDA HAD PROMISED HIM THAT THE FRENCH INITIATIVES COULD BE INTRODUCED

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AND DEBATED TODAY. PERMREP GUIRINGAUD THEN LAUNCHED INTO AN EXPLANATION OF THE TWO FRENCH PROPOSALS ALREADY TABLED (REPORTED SEPTEL). AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE SAID THAT HE DID NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF US INITIATIVE.

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